

The prospect of the Shanghai Fire Insurance Company, Limited, will be found amongst our new advertisements.

Two cases of enteric fever were the only cases of communicable diseases notified as occurring in the Colony during the week ended 16th Oct.

A TELEGRAM from Paris, dated the 8th inst., states that M. Jung, Vice-President in Tonkin, accompanied by Messrs Goeber and Lohel, has been attending a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. M. Jung read a report on the development of Indo-China, concluding with an appeal to the Chamber to head a real commercial movement for the French Colonies.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.—It may be that a road round Mount Davis would tend to avoid accidents in Deep Water Bay like that of Saturday, when several leading residents were unfortunate enough to get capsized into the water. But then the lovely road from Wong-nai-chong to Deep Water Bay would be equally a way out of the capsizing difficulty. We do not believe the Mount Davis road will ever be made.

The Chinese now known as the 'Taoi Moony howlers' are again in full swing in the Tsingtau district, and the Police appear to be unable to cope with the nuisance. It is to be presumed that the managers of the hospitals—for they are all within earshot of this crying nuisance—rather like it than otherwise. The patients may not be so fond of it. Residents on the higher levels (some of them Chinese) are very bitter over these 'howlers'; but the difficulty advanced appears to be that the law sets down the howling and screaming as a personal offence—any person, etc. Why the Police do not proceed against the two or three houses as disorderly we cannot understand. The screaming and shrieking is usually preceded by the traditional gong, cymbal, and rat-tat-tat until eleven o'clock or half past eleven; and then, as if in distinct defiance of the law, the shouting begins, and continues until 1, 2, and not infrequently 3 a.m. There is something rotten either in our laws, or in their application, if this nuisance be allowed to go on.

On Saturday afternoon, two interesting little ceremonies took place at Kowloon Dock, when the new 'Star' double-ended ferry-launch *Morning Star* and the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs boat *Feng Fei* were launched. We gave descriptions of these vessels in a recent article on the constructive work at the docks. The christening of the *Morning Star* was performed in a graceful manner by Miss Murray Bain, and the vessel, with steam up, slid from the blocks into the water, her steam whistle blowing vigorously the while. The launch then performed several evolutions with apparent satisfaction. Miss Hillier christened the customs cruiser *Feng Fei*, and the launch was most successfully accomplished. An adjournment was then made to the office, where refreshments were served. Mr. R. Cooke proposed success to the two vessels, and also the health of the godmothers. Mr. C. S. Sharp, one of the Directors of the 'Star' Ferry Co., and Mr. Hillier, Commissioner of Customs, responded on behalf of the owners. Mr. Sharp afterwards proposed success to the Dock Co. Miss Bain and Miss Hillier were made the recipients of handsome gold bangles as souvenirs of the occasion.

The British naval warrant officers at the China station have in their Club at Wanchai a most comfortable and convenient resort for themselves and their friends to which they display a hearty hospitality. Further improvements are in contemplation both at the Hongkong Club and at the Club at Wai-lai-wei, which when completed will stand out boldly as a conspicuous landmark of the forward policy of our warrant officers. On Saturday evening a most enjoyable smoking concert was held at the Wanchai Club. Invitations were sent to the warrant officers of the U.S.S. *Charleston*, who honoured the concert with their presence, and the Club was crowded with visitors whose genial tone made harmony the order of the evening. Songs were rendered by Messrs Northcott, Wingent, Smith and others, and Mr. Kennedy obliged with a step dance, the admirable performance of which showed that age does not diminish the good talents of these sea water swells of the Royal Navy. During the interval the whole place echoed with exchanges of good fellowship. A refreshment by Mr. Allen was followed by several songs. Mr. Bayard then proposed 'The Visitor in most suitable terms, and Mr. Bandmaster responded. Other toasts followed, and a happy evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. The success of the evening was largely due to the good President, Mr. Northcott, assisted by Mr. Bayard, whose untiring energy has largely contributed to bring the Warrant Officers' Club to its present high state of efficiency.

PROTECTING THE STRAITS CURRENCY.

JAPANESE YEN PROHIBITED.
(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Oct. 17, 12.55 p.m.

The Bill prohibiting the importation of Japanese yen into the Straits Settlements has been passed into law by the Straits Legislature.

[We referred to this subject on Saturday last. Commenting on the necessity for law, the *Straits Times* says that 'if after the ordinance takes effect any person imports (or attempts to import) the discredited coin, he shall become liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 for yen nominally worth any sum from \$25 to \$100, and to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both, at the discretion of the Court.' The yen imported are to be forfeited except in the case of license being taken out for importation for transshipment. An offender can be arrested without warrant, and informers may be granted a share in the find. The Attorney-General thinks that legal importations are likely unless prohibited; his Bill will very comprehensively prohibit the speculation if it becomes law.—Ed., C.M.]

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

London, 14th October, 1898.

THE POWERS AND THE SULTAN.
The Powers have rejected the Sultan's proposal to retain a small Turkish force in Crete, and have declared that every Turkish soldier must leave at the specified time.

THE STRIKES IN PARIS.
While numbers of the Paris building strikers have resumed work, the railway union has ordered a strike on all French railways.

THE FRENCH IN AFRICA.
The French have captured Samory, with his whole family and all his chiefs.

LORD CURZON'S SUCCESSOR.
The Hon. Sir John Lubbock succeeds Lord Curzon as Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

DISCOVERY OF A CONSPIRACY IN PARIS.
The French papers announce the discovery of a military conspiracy to overthrow the present ruler, not against the President nor in favour of any pretender. The plot was led by a prominent General, and was to be executed on Saturday, when Chanoiné (General Chanoiné) was absent from Paris.

(L'Asien du Tonkin.)

THE STRIKES IN PARIS.
Paris, October 7.

Several conflicts have taken place between the police and the strikers, who parade the town seeking to prevent all labour. Many arrests have been made. Four thousand horses and foot soldiers assist the police in keeping order.

Paris, October 10.

The strikes continue, but without any disturbances. The military police have been considerably augmented by troops from the provinces.

TYPHOON NOTICE.
Super Don José de Navarro courteously informs us that he has received the following telegram from the Manila Observatory:—

Manila, October 18.

Typhoon now stationary in the China Sea.

WEATHER REPORT.
The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 17th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has fallen slightly on the 8. and 8.5. The wind is from the S.W. and the sea is calm. The typhoon seems to be still lying to the S.W. of Zambouanga, but owing to its slow rate of progress the direction of motion is very uncertain. Forecast:—moderate or fresh N. winds; fair.

HUSBANDY.
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CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. v. THE NAVY.

Saturday's match ended in a victory for the Club. Batting first the Club scored 178, which was a very respectable total when it is mentioned that six wickets were down for 51. Of the early batsmen, G. D. Campbell, of the Hongkong Regiment, was the only one to make a prolonged stay, and he showed some pretty cricket in compiling his 33. Lethbridge, of the King's Own, who seems to have got into his true form, batted with a freshness, correctness and vigour that charmed the spectators, his square cut and heavy hits to the broad field being particularly fine. His innings was invaluable to his side, giving them the victory, in fact; and it was a pity it was marred by a couple of easy chances when he had made 41 and 46. Langhorne, Lawson and Anton helped him to raise the total to 178, Anton's clean driving being very attractive, though it led to his ultimate capture in the long-field by Bowden-Smith (captain of the Navy team). His straight drive out of the ground at the City Hall end, for 6, was especially well timed. Arthur was altogether off colour with the bat, but performed well behind the wicket, and would probably have had more victims had Burns's short-pitched darts come off the ground a little faster. None of the Navy bowlers looked difficult; but Benn was a bit puzzling.

The Navy took their innings at three o'clock, and had to get 180 before 5.30 in order to win. Scoring was very slow, and no real attempt was made to force the game until Gill and Hickley got together. These two put on the runs quickly enough, and for some time there was unanimity in the Club camp. At last Gill's wicket fell to a phenomenal hit, of stamping by Arthur, which called forth hearty applause from all round the field. A better bit of work, we feel sure, has never been seen on the ground. The fielding on both sides, with only a few exceptions, was very good. Particular mention must be made of the catch by Dyson which dismissed Bowden-Smith, the fielder just being able to touch a hard on-drive at the first attempt but ultimately securing the ball safely. One or two of the Club team were rather slow in starting for the ball, and the Navy men, in consequence, stole a lot of sharp runs. Dr. Lawson modestly tried three bowlers before taking the ball himself. His average—3 wickets for 14—speaks for itself.

The following were the full scores:—

THE CLUB.

Lieut. G. D. Campbell, b. Elliott 33

H. Hancock, c. Hickley, b. Bellwell 0

Lieut. Moberly, b. Bellwell 4

Captain Dyson, b. Langhorne, b. Benn 34

C. M. G. Burns, c. Moberly, b. Bellwell 0

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Captain Langhorne, c. Benn, b. Gill 13

Lieut. Lethbridge, not out 68

Dr. Lawson, c. Hickley, b. Gill 17

A. S. Anton, c. Bowden-Smith, b. Benn 22

Extras 8

Total 178

THE NAVY.

Mr. E. F. Benn, c. Arthur, b. Burns 8

Mr. A. V. Salter, c. Lethbridge 16

Mr. H. Bellwell, c. Moberly, b. Benn 16

Lieut. R. F. Hastings, c. Moberly, b. Lawson 6

Lieut. C. Dorrer, c. and b. Langhorne 14

Lieut. Bowden-Smith, c. Dyson, b. Lethbridge 13

Mr. H. Elliott, c. and b. Lethbridge 13

Lieut. A. S. Hickley, b. Lawson 17

Mr. Gill, c. Arthur, b. Lawson 12

Lieut. R. Dalgety, not out 2

Extras 10

Total 186

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

THE CLUB.

Gill 12 4 48

Bellwell 12 4 48

Elliott 12 4 48

Hastings 12 4 48

Benn 12 4 48

THE NAVY.

Lethbridge 12 4 48

Burns 12 4 48

Hancock 12 4 48

Lawson 12 4 48

Langhorne 12 4 48

Benn 12 4 48

Campbell 12 4 48

Burns bowled three no-balls.

CRICKET CLUB DINNER.

INTERESTING TELEGRAMS.

A large number of members and friends entertained the victorious Cricket Eleven, who defeated Shanghai lately, in the Hongkong Club on Saturday evening. His Honour A. G. Wise, President of the H.K.C.C., in the chair.

A pleasant evening was spent, not the least interesting part being the receipt of the following telegram during the course of the dinner:—

'Lawson, Hongkong.—Shanghai greets you all in bumper. —Yick'

'Lawson, Hongkong.—Heartiest congratulations.—Grace.'


'Lawson, Hongkong.—Proud man.—Hosmer.'

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.—Proud day for my mother's colour.—Waters.

In addition to its other trouble, the Celestial Empire seems to be suffering from some of the worst effects of modern civilization. It is said that a journal has just issued at Shanghai under the significant title of *The Feminine Magazine*, and that it has been in circulation for some time. It is said to be a Chinese ladies' journal, and is about the only country in the world to which the propaganda of 'emancipation' might have been expected to extend, and the Celestials are hardly to be blamed if they see in the new journal another evidence of the pernicious character of these Western influences to which they have become increasingly subject within recent years. A Chinese 'Penny Press' is probably among the horrors in store for the immediate future, and it may be taken for granted that nothing but the most abominable kind of literature will be the result of this new 'emancipation' of the Chinese ladies. 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